(c) when was the amount of stipend last increased;

(d) whether the pay scales of the regular staff have been revised twice or thrice;

(e) whether Government propose to increase the amount of stipend;

(f) if so, by when it is likely to be increased; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The training at the level of Cooks/Stewards and in other general categories of trades is provided in ITDC under the Apprentices Act 1961 and the payment of stipend to such trainees is regulated by rules made under the Act by the Government.

(c) The last revision in the rates of stipend was notiefid by the Ministry of Labour on 19th October, 1987.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) to (g) The matter is under consideration of the Ministry of Labour and no specific time frame for a final decision on the subject can be indicated at this stage.

Development of Tourism in Kerala

738. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government had sanctioned any scheme for the development of Tourism in Kerala during the last three years; and

(b) if so, what is the total amount sanctioned, released and spent during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total amount sanctioned for various projects/schemes sanctioned during the last three years (till date) for development of tourism in Kerala was Rs. 350.00 lakhs out of which Rs. 193.16 lakhs has been released.

Profit/loss of Air Indian Airlines

739. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state::

(a) what are the details of profit or loss of the Air India/Indian Airlines during the last three years; and

(b) what is the number of passengers carried by Air India/Indian Airlines during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) The details of profit/loss of Air India and Indian Airlines during the past three years are as under:

(Rs. in crores)

	Air India	Indian Airlines
1990-91	81.23	(64.59) loss
1989-90	70.89	(15.24) loss
1988-89	43.31	10.68

(b) The number of passengers carried by Air India and Indian Airlines during the last three years was as under:

	Air India	Indian Airlines
1990-91	21,61,364	78,65,819
1989-90	22,46,204	98,48,985
1988-89	21,22,573	1,01,09,697

Setting up of Airport at Sibsagar, Assam

740. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for setting up of an airport at Sibsagar, Assam;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) The National Airports Authority has no plan to construct any new airport in Sibsagar, Assam.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Traffic potential commercial viability of the operations availability of resources and their development fleet availability and plan of operation of scheduled airlines, are the factors relevant to determine requirement of construction of a new airport. Sibsagar does not satisfy the critera hence there are no plans to construct a new airport there.

Operation of East West Airlines from Bombay

741. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have permitted the East West Airlines to operate from Bombay;

(b) what are the routes permitted for this private Airlines;

(c) what is the number of Boeings and Airbuses that have been permitted to fly by this company; and

(d) whether the operation of Indian Airlines will be affected thereby?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Air Taxi Operators are free to operate to any airport open to scheduled operation in the country. East-West Airlines has recently obtained a permit to operate Air Taxi services and has presently one Boeing-737 aircraft.

(d) No, Sir.

Circuits-cum-destinations in the country

742. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:
SHRI P. UPENDRA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 153 given in the Rajya Sabha on 2-12-91 and state:

(a) whether Government have identified new circuits-cum-destinations in the country for special development of tourism;

(b) if so, names of these circuits-cum-destinations; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to develop these circuits-cum-destinations to attract foreign tourists?